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PARADES.

Parades for Sunday, 19th instant:—
9.30 a.m.—Musketry (Part II only) at
King's Park Range, as detailed in Corps
Order No. 1 dated 16.3.16. M.C.O. of
units having men firing will attend to
assist the instructor. One member of
the Signalling Section will attend for
telephone duty. Remainder, nil.

Parades for Monday, 20th instant:—
7.0 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.—Members of
Signalling Section and other Signallers,
as detailed in Signalling Section Order
dated 8.12.15—Morse flag and Morse lamp
practice at Headquarters.

3.30 p.m.—No. 2 Section Scouts Co.
(all members) Machine gun instruction
at Headquarters. Remainder, nil.

DETAILS.

On duty to-night: No. 2 Section Arty.
Batt.
On duty to-morrow night: Scouts Co.
On duty 20th instant: Scouts Co.
Orderly Officer: Lieut. C. Smith.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

MOTOR PATROLS.

Will report to Inspector Garrod at
Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Monday:
March 20th.

TRAFFIC PATROLMEN.

Inspector Garrod wishes to lecture and
discuss the road-use for vehicles and traffic
regulation. The men must speak Chi-
nese. They will do ordinary patrol duty
on Sections 4 and 5. Inspectors Alves
and Wei will each submit the names of
12 men to this office.

ROUTE MARCH.

All ranks will parade at Volunteer
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. punctually on
Friday, March 24th, for Route March
through Wanchai Police district. Uni-
form with helmets.

All Patrolmen for that night will be
relieved from Patrol duty and will attend
this parade.

MOVED PATROLS.

Trooper Belgha has been transferred
from Volunteer Artillery by courtesy of
O.C. H.K.V.C.

Trooper Kew is appointed Equipment
Officer to this detachment.

TRAMWAYS.

Members are reminded that they may
travel free on the Trams of the Hong-
kong Tramway Co. when on, going on, or
coming off duty. If asked for a fare, the
Manager wishes that members should
merely ask the conductor to make a note
of their collar numbers, and not pay.

MEETINGS, &c.

P.Cs. L. G. Ribeiro, Wilson, Tobias,
Mahmood, S. Moosa, A. Hassan, Cald-
well, Ray, S. A. Remedios, and T. E.
Hoehn will attend at Central on Tuesday
and Thursday, March 21st and 23rd, also
those of No. 4 Company.

Staff Inspectors Mackenzie and Clarke
and Sergeant-Major Roylance will attend
on the Tuesday.

RANK OF CHIEF INSPECTOR.

It is notified that the four Chief In-
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II—Fire Fund..... 3,837,047

III—Life & Annuity Funds... 17,597,590

Sinking Fund Account..... 128,230

£23,970,567

Revenue Fire Branch..... 22,381,456

Life and Annuity Branches..... 2,141,593

Revenue Marine Department... 337,239

Other Receipts..... 478,540

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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BATTLE FOR VERDUN.

FRENCH OPINION ON THE VERDUN BATTLE.

ANOTHER DESPERATE GERMAN ONSLAUGHT ANTICIPATED.

PARIS, Mar. 16. Opinion is growing in regard to the final phase of the battle of Verdun that everything is in favour of the French.

Although their artillery attacks were more desperate than ever, the Germans hardly gained a foot of ground. Most of what they did take has since been retaken.

It is not certain that the German infantry is unequal to that engaged in the beginning of the battle. Experts anticipate another desperate onslaught on the Douaumont-Vaux front.

THE DAILY BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, Mar. 16. To-day's communiqué says: Our batteries wrecked the enemy's communication trenches at Neuport and killed many of the occupants. There has been no infantry action north of Verdun.

The bombardment was feeble west of the Meuse and more intense at Handreumont and Damloup, while the French violently bombarded west of Douaumont where the enemy was constructing earthworks.

By a four mile eastward of Apremont we inflicted losses and took prisoners.

A German attack at Bernhaupt, in the Vosges was defeated by a curtain of fire.

MUNITION-MAKING IN CANADA.

CREDIT OFFERED BY CANADIAN BANKS.

OTTAWA, Mar. 16. The Minister of Finance has announced that the Canadian Banks have offered a credit of \$15,000,000 in connection with orders for munitions made in Canada during the next half year.

This is a matter for great pride, coming as it does, after the Dominion Government's credit of \$10,000,000.

YON TIRPITZ AND HIS POLICY.

THE ADMIRAL WITHDRAWS WITH ALL HONOURS.

LONDON, Mar. 16. A semi-official statement published at Berlin says that Admiral von Tirpitz withdraws with all honours. The choice as his successor of one who co-operated with Admiral von Tirpitz guarantees the continuity of his policy, particularly of submarine warfare.

GUNS CAPTURED FROM THE SENUSSI.

CAIRO, Mar. 16. Three guns were captured in the pursuit of the Senussi at Sollum.

AMERICANS ON THE "TUBANTIA."

LONDON, Mar. 16. There were three Americans on board the Tubantia.

THE SILVER MARKET.

TONE REMARKABLY STEADY.

LONDON, Mar. 16. Messrs. Montague and Co.'s report says the tone of the silver market continues to be remarkably steady. The demand for the Home mint is the chief factor. The Continent has been more or less a constant buyer. There have been few orders from India. The closeness of the China exchange to parity, the absence of free selling by the United States, mintage by Japan on account of Russia, and the extension of the area in which the rupee has to do duty, as well as the readjustment of the currency in India, create confidence in the future of the market.

MANCHESTER AND FREE TRADE.

THE NEW DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

LONDON, Mar. 17. Eighteen out of twenty-two new directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce have pledged themselves to "no free trade with Germany after the war."

ENEMY GOODS ENTERING INDIA.

LONDON, Mar. 17.

In the House of Lords, Lord Sydenham affirmed that enemy goods were still entering India.

Lord Islington announced that a Bill would shortly be introduced in the Legislative Council which would validate the seizure of suspected goods. The real responsibility lay with the Customs of neutral countries. The Indian Customs were legitimising consignments most closely.

The recent publication of a Black List of firms with whom trade was prohibited would strengthen the Government's powers for excluding enemy goods. Any cases Lord Sydenham could produce would have close and early attention. The Government desired to carry out the spirit and the letter of the policy of checking, as far as possible, the entry of enemy goods into India.

FIRMS IN PERSIA BLACKLISTED.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

The Gazette says a number of firms in Persia, including the notorious firm of Nassim, have been blacklisted under the Trading with the Enemy Act.

KING OF SIAM ILL.

BANGKOK, Mar. 17.

H.M. the King of Siam is suffering from neurasthenia.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BRITISH EMPIRE'S FUTURE TRADE POLICY.

STRENGTH IN ORGANISATION.

LONDON, Mar. 16.

The Premier of Australia (Mr. W. M. Hughes) was the guest at dinner of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire. In the course of a speech he said that victory would grow our arms only when we bent every energy to the supreme purpose of eradicating German influence on British trade and on our national life. The question of Great Britain's future trade and general policy was vital to the Dominions, and some indication of that policy ought to be disclosed without delay. It was impossible to postpone consideration of the question till after the war. Nothing less than economic revolution would meet the position. The British Empire must be organised for trade and industry, economic justice, national defence, the preservation of the world's peace, and the protection of the weak against the strong. It was to organisation that Germany owed her tremendous strength.

WOUNDED OF MESOPOTAMIA.

EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Mar. 17.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long, speaking on the Army Estimates, said that the Government both at Home and in India, was doing its utmost to provide every possible alleviation for the wounded in Mesopotamia. The Viceroy, some weeks ago, decided to send Sir William Vincent and General Bingley to enquire into the medical arrangements and to remedy the deficiencies. The War Office had supplied the Raj with two Indian General hospitals with a complete personnel, and the personnel for two more; also a British stationary hospital with four hundred beds, a British general hospital of a thousand beds, with one hundred doctors and one hundred orderlies.

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FRENCH LINER ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE.

304 PASSENGERS ABOARD.

NEW YORK, March 16.

The French liner Patria, with 900 passengers, including 30 Americans, has arrived. The Captain reports that he was attacked without warning by a submarine off Tunis, the torpedo passing 20 feet to the stern of the vessel.

DISASTER TO DUTCH LINER.

THE HAGUE, March 10.

The ship was still afloat at 8.30 in the morning. The passengers had been taken to the boats. It is now uncertain whether the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed.

LATER.

The Tubantia has gone down. All are safe.

The Tubantia was one of the newest and fastest liners on the South American service. She had 83 passengers and her crew numbered 234.

HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT.

IMPORTANT RESULTS OBTAINED IN RECENT FIGHTING.

LONDON, March 16.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters says the brief official references to the fighting at the Hohenzollern Redoubt do not do justice to the importance of the results attained.

It was decided to destroy the German defences by mining the position.

At dusk on the 2nd instant there belched forth a series of volcanic eruptions. The infantry immediately charged and occupied the immense craters practically without resistance. Then a counter-attack began and there was fierce fighting with guns, rifles, and bombs throughout the night.

It is estimated that the British threw 12,000 grenades in the 24 hours following the launching of the attack.

The Germans continued to counter-attack for several days, with gusts of bombardments and infantry rushes, but failed to recover the ground.

BRITISH RIGID AIRSHIP.

LONDON, March 16.

Dr. Macnamara announced in the House of Commons the completion by the Admiralty of a rigid airship.

AIR SERVICE COMMITTEE.

LONDON, March 16.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu has accepted a seat on the Inter-Departmental Air Service Committee.

PORTUGAL AND THE WAR.

KING MANUEL'S APPEAL.

LONDON, March 16.

In view of the war Dom Manuel (ex-King of Portugal) has asked all Royalists to support wholeheartedly whatever Government is established in Portugal.

GERMAN SHIPPING CAMPAIGN.

HERR BALLIN'S PLANS AFTER THE WAR.

The conferences that are now taking place at Budapest between Herr Ballin and Heineken, the managing directors of the Hamburg-America Line and North German Lloyd, on the one hand, and the Hungarian State Departments of Commerce, Finance, and the Interior on the other, are symptomatic of a shipping expert says in a London paper, of the renewed vigour with which the great Hamburg-Bremen Trust is preparing to resume the shipping war as soon as the other war is over, and of the particular direction in which they propose to concentrate their forces—namely, on the trade routes, both new and old, to Central and South America, including the latter's Eastern ports, by way of the Panama Canal.

For this purpose there will be available, according to reliable information, in addition to the former fleet represented by the Hamburg-South America Company and the Austro-Americans of Trieste, both dependencies of Herr Ballin's chief combine, no fewer than four, and it may be, as many as five new lines of over 20,000 tons, instead of Trieste, as is the case now, not to mention a large number of moderate-sized liners of between 8000 and 15,000 tons, which will be transferred to the Transatlantic services from the pre-war services to the Levant, Indian Ocean, and Far East.

To some extent the definite confirmation by the Allies of interned enemy vessels as part of the general indemnity to be exacted from Germany might interfere with Herr Ballin's ambitious plan, but the latter might still be carried out regardless of such confirmation.

Especially noteworthy is the Budapest Conference, as suggesting that in the future the Mediterranean base of operations of the great German Shipping Federation will be Vienna, instead of Trieste, as is the case now. Herr Ballin is evidently of opinion that the latter port must be regarded as already an Italian possession, but that the Allies will allow Hungary a separate corridor and outlet to the sea via Vienna. If so, we may expect Herr Ballin to exploit Vienna for Germany's benefit.

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The total in England and Wales at the end of 1915 was 562,338, compared with 626,040 in 1914. The decrease in cases of relief in London was from 100,218 to 85,501.

There were 3,446 casual paupers relieved on the night of December 24, as against 4,077 a year before.

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OUT WITH A NIGHT PATROL.

OFFICER'S AMUSING DIARY OF HIS ADVENTURES.

The "Fifth Gloucester Gazette, R.E.F.," contains the following amusing extract from the diary of an officer commanding a reconnoitring patrol "somewhere in France."

6 p.m.—Waked from sound sleep.

6.15 p.m.—Met Company Commander. Told him I didn't believe any Germans opposite. Company Commander said in that case I was just the man he wanted, and would I go across at 9.30 p.m. and find out.

6.30 p.m.—Said I would think about it.

6.39 p.m.—Went to think about it in secluded spot.

6.50 p.m.—Still thinking in secluded spot.

7 p.m.—Went to tell of patrol.

7.15 p.m.—Patrol went to think it over in secluded spot (same one).

7.25 p.m.—Observed with telescope four Germans in trenches opposite. Seemed to be large, cheerful men.

7.35.8 p.m.—Pretended to eat hearty dinner. Asked Company Commander whether patrol was necessary, in view of four Germans seen by me. Company Commander said four Germans probably came to make, wife, and two children looking up for the night. Dislike Company Commander.

8.40 p.m.—Noticed one of patrol writing on blacked-out newspaper. Said it was his last will and testament, and would I cannot it, as he wished to send it off to-night.

8.45.9 p.m.—Discussed weapons with patrol. Company Commander lent me his automatic pistol and examined my revolver.

9.5 p.m.—Let off Colt accidentally. Severely frightened Company Commander. Felt happier.

9.45 p.m.—Found patrol whistling "Dead March" in unison. Tell patrol we will wait a bit.

9.50 p.m.—Tell patrol I thought we would start.

9.55 p.m.—Tell patrol we ought to start.

10 p.m.—Tell patrol we must start.

10.5 p.m.—Company commander came and asked why we hadn't started.

10.10 p.m.—Patrol started. Night very dark.

11.30 p.m.—Fall into large shell hole getting over parapet. Lose company commander. Got probably at bottom of shell hole. Felt happier. Company Commander suggests I should carry the bombs, as am now unarmed. Remove company bomb for talking. Tread on our listening patrol, all five of us. Listening patrol annoyed.

Approve listening patrol for swearing. Reach our wire front line. Cautious small crawl under wire into clearing.

Remove portions of dead cow from my face. Patrol complains of smell of dead cow. Corporal suggests more open formation. Patrol, in succession from the right, fall into cleared trench full of water. Fall in myself. Ask corporal whether he knows way back. Answer in the negative. Collect opinions of patrol as to direction of our lines. Patrol quite positive on four points of the compass (one each). Take my own line.

Fall over wire into several tin cans. Suspect corporal of using bad language about me. Order corporal to lead the way. Corporal falls over another wire into gulch of tin cans. Swear at corporal.

Decide to lie low and listen. Do so. Disturbance heard. Patrols implored to be allowed to shoot. Shout. Platoon sergeant answers. Saved. Rally patrol, and fall over parapet on to fixed bayonet.

11.45 p.m.—My servant brings me rum in my dug-out. Notice he is wearing red coat. Discover a good deal of dead cow still adhering.

12.30 to 2.15 a.m.—Write report to Headquarters. "Distance covered by patrol estimated at five hundred yards. German trenches overcrowded. Object of patrol attained."

2.15 a.m.—Went to observe path of patrol by daylight. Distance appears less than it seemed at night.

3 a.m.—Fetch Company Commander and ask him how far it is. Company Commander says about 10 yards. Dislike Company Commander. Company Commander asks for his Colt. Feel happier.

3.50 a.m.—Retire to sleep.

4 a.m.—Waked by Company Commander, who asks me if I realise that I am on duty till 8 a.m. The Company Commander be "strained."

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SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

THE GERMAN PRODUCTIONS.

A QUESTION OF COST.

With reference to the recent reports that Germany is producing synthetic rubber, the January number of the New York India Rubber World contains an editorial comment which will reassure any shareholders in rubber plantation companies who may still feel some nervousness on this question of possible competition with the natural product. Our American contemporary says: "The statement [that Germany is producing synthetic rubber] is undoubtedly true. At the same time it is probably of no importance to those interested in rubber outside of the countries controlled by the Germanic Allies. Before the war synthetic rubber in ton lots was made in Germany. It costs so much, however, that it could not compete in price with either the wild or the plantation product. At the present time, because of the rubber famine in Germany, the price of plantation crepe is between \$10 and \$12 a pound. As such figures of synthetic rubber can be profitably produced with rubber at 86 cents, however, and no famine, synthetic rubber would still be commercially impracticable. The rubber planter may, therefore, rest secure on a product that costs from one to two shillings a pound, even though it costs several dollars a pound. The fact that Germany is actually making and using synthetic rubber will, of course, startle some readers. It is for their comfort, therefore, that the foregoing is written. As to further reassurance, there is the fact that the German Colonial Association, in a recent resolution, laid emphasis on the future need to the Fatherland of colonies in which could be grown rubber and zulu percha. They advise plantations, not laboratories. The inference would seem to be sufficiently plain."

Apart from the indication of the shortage of rubber in Germany, the statement above that the price there is from \$10 to \$12, equal to between 40c and 50c per pound, the remarks of the correspondent in Germany of the India Rubber World have no difficulties which Germany is experiencing in its supply of rubber goods, although he is evidently making out the best case possible. Substitutes of all kinds are being used wherever possible, but German manufacturers have found that type cannot be reduced in quality and still maintain their efficiency. This correspondent says:—

"The increasing demand of our [the German] army trucks for solid rubber tyres has brought out our manufacturers to take up this line, with which in many cases, they were not at all familiar. Many costly mistakes were made in this way, the most common being the selection of compounds on the basis of their cheapness. A mileage guarantee was handed out, and unfortunately, with the result that many have spent fortunes to learn that rubber can never be so good for a solid rubber motor truck tyre."

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.
 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 19th.
 Holy Communion (8.00 a.m.)
 Matins (11 a.m.)
 Responses, Psalms, 95, 96 (11);
 Te Deum, Okeyley, 10 F. Jubilate,
 "Armenia in F. (20th morning); Anthem,
 "O that thou hadst been here!
 Sullivan, Hymn, 80.
 "God Save the King."
 Holy Communion (12 Noon).
 Evening (8.45 p.m.)
 Responses, Psalms, of the 19th
 evening (L); Magnificat, Turl (2nd
 evening); Nunc Dimittis, Wesley;
 Hymns, 277, 37, (193), 92.
St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
 Morning Prayer
 Hymns, 337; Responses, Psalms;
 Old Melody, Russell, Macfarlane, The
 Psalm, 119, 438, 280; Kyrie,
 Maundy, National Anthem.
 Evening Prayer
 Hymns, 337; Responses, Psalms;
 At Set; Magnificat, W. A. Chan,
 No. 398; Nunc Dimittis, W. A.
 Chan, No. 376; Hymns, 148, 150
 (tune 255 & 40), 178, 179.
 Hymn, National Anthem.
 Holy Communion at 11 a.m.
St. Peter's Seamen's Church.
 West Point.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
 Preacher, Rev. W. T. Featherstone.
The Gospel Hall.
 10 & 12 Prince's Street.
 Weekly Services:—Sunday: Breaking of
 Bread for Believers only 11 a.m.;
 Children's Sunday School, 5 p.m.;
 Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Monday, Gospel Meeting for Chinese 7.30
 p.m.
 Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture 8 p.m.
 Thursday, Bible Class 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.
First Church of Christ Science.
 MacDONNELL ROAD.
 Sundays, 11.15 a.m.
 Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.
Wesleyan Methodist Church
 Wanchai.
 Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 8.15 p.m.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
 Arsenal Street.
 Sunday Evening, Gospel Service, 8 p.m.
The Peak Church.
 Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.
 Evening, and address at 6.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church.
 Garden Road.
 Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by
 the Benediction of the Blessed
 Sacrament.
Roman Catholic Cathedral.
 Glebe.
 Low Masses at 6, 7 and 9 a.m.
 High Mass at 8 a.m.
 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed
 Sacrament.
ROYAL OBSERVATORY.
HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

MARCH 18, 1916.—A.M.

Station.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Hongkong	30.28	74	77	SW	3	b
Shanghai	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
Amoy	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
Swatow	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
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Cebu	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
Panama	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
Colon	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
San Francisco	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
San Pedro de Macoris	30.25	74	77	SW	3	b
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